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GUIDE

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Unless another time is specified in this calendar, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for a candidate to complete an action on behalf of his or her candidacy.

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